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SUBJECT: US/MCC/LAO RELATIONS: MEKONG RIVER PORTS AND FERRY
RAMPS PROJECT

DEPT ALSO PASS AID

BANGKOK ALSO FOR RED

REF BANGKOK 9996 (AIDAC)

1. WE CANNOT EXPLAIN WHY LPDR SHOULD HAVE "SINCERELY
AND APPRECIATIVELY" THANKED USG THROUGH MCC EXECUTIVE
AGENT IN BANGKOK FOR CEMENT FOR PORT AND FERRY RAMP
PROJECT(REFTEL), OR SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN THIS PARTICULAR
TIME TO DO SO, EXCEPT AS PLOY IN CONTINUING LAO EFFORT
TO BRING ABOUT RESUMPTION OF U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
(FYI, LOCAL MCC REP BALK HAS TRIED SEVERAL TIMES THROUGH
THIS EMBASSY AND THROUGH MCC IN BANGKOK TO OBTAIN
BAILEY BRIDGES FOR ON-GOING MCC PROJECT IN LAOS.
HOWEVER, BALK HAS NOT SUGGESTED THAT USG DONATE THESE
BRIDGES AND NOW APPEARS TO HAVE GIVEN UP HIS EFFORTS

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TO PROCURE THEM.)

2. WE DO NOT INTEND TO SEEK ANY MORE SPECIFIC EXPLANATION FOR LPDR'S THANKS, BECAUSE EVEN AN INQUIRY HERE MIGHT CREATE FALSE IMPRESSION CONCERNING OUR INTEREST IN AID PROJECTS.

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